

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BASSOUL SELIM A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(Street)

**ELGIN, IL 60120**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/20/2015**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, Chairman, President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 545,904   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2015                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 17,250  | D  | \$ 108.28 (2) 69,000                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2015                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 11,799  | D  | \$ 108.28 (2) 47,199                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2015                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 11,799  | D  | \$ 108.28 47,199                                      |

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|              |            |                  |     |   | (2)          |        |   |                 |
|--------------|------------|------------------|-----|---|--------------|--------|---|-----------------|
| Common Stock | 02/23/2015 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 422 | D | \$<br>109.64 | 68,578 | I | By trust<br>(3) |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2015 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 289 | D | \$<br>109.64 | 46,910 | I | By trust<br>(3) |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2015 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 289 | D | \$<br>109.64 | 46,910 | I | By trust<br>(3) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| BASSOUL SELIM A<br>C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION<br>1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE<br>ELGIN, IL 60120 | X             |           | CEO,<br>Chairman,<br>President |       |

## Signatures

Martin M.  
Lindsay POA

02/25/2015

  \*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.

The sales price reported is the weighted average sale price for the number of shares sold. Full information regarding the number of shares

- (2) sold at each separate price will be supplied upon request by the Securities & Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by these trusts, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the trusts' shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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